

which is celebrating the opening of its new Congress Health Center.

The El Rio Community Health Center is one of the largest non-profit community health centers in the United States. Founded in 1970 by Tucsonans committed to bringing accessible and affordable health care to all, the El Rio Community Health Center serves over 900 people each day, more than three-fourths of whom live at or below the federal poverty level.

El Rio's brand new, 54,000 square foot facility makes state-of-the-art healthcare accessible to all residents of southeastern Arizona's largest city. The new facility will help El Rio serve an additional six thousand patients each year, as well as creating numerous new health care jobs and helping our local economy thrive.

I congratulate the El Rio Community Health Center and support its continued efforts to make sure all people are able to access the health services they need.

CELEBRATING THE NORTH BAY CHILDREN'S CENTER 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the North Bay Children's Center on the occasion of the organization's 25th Anniversary Celebration, which will take place on November 8, 2014.

Incorporated in 1986, the North Bay Children's Center was founded on the fundamental belief that every child should have equal access to quality care and early education. Over the last 25 years, the Center has continually met this expectation and become an invaluable asset to the local community. Each year, new programs are added as the Center's staff continues to create positive change by locally addressing key national priorities, such as promoting early literacy, combating childhood obesity and reducing poverty.

The Center serves over 100,000 nutritious meals annually to children in California's Second Congressional District. By teaching families about nutrition, incorporating local gardens to enhance early education, and encouraging childhood literacy, the North Bay Children's Center promotes parent engagement and works to ensure that every child is ready to succeed in school and life from an early age.

Please join me in congratulating the North Bay Children's Center on 25 years of outstanding service to the children and families of Marin and Sonoma counties and wish them many years of future success.

RECOGNIZING HEART OF FLORIDA UNITED WAY

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Heart of Florida United Way as they celebrate 75 years of service in

Central Florida. Heart of Florida United Way is the largest provider of funds to nonprofit agencies in Central Florida. These agencies provide critical services including job training, financial literacy classes, healthcare and educational opportunities. This year, Heart of Florida United Way committed more than \$9.2 million in funding over three years to nonprofit partner agencies in Central Florida.

Additionally, Heart of Florida United Way provides direct services that aid the homeless, connect individuals with volunteer opportunities and ensure accessibility of lifesaving medications. Their dedicated work to engage many aspects of the community has undoubtedly made Central Florida a better place to live and work. I thank Heart of Florida United Way for their dedicated work, and I congratulate them on 75 years of remarkable contributions to our community.

CONGRATULATING JAY WOLVOVSKY

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate my friend Jay Wolvovsky on his 30 years of outstanding service to the residents of the greater Baltimore community. At the end of this month, Jay will retire from his position as CEO of the Baltimore Medical System (BMS), a position he has held since he founded BMS in 1984. Under Jay's stewardship, BMS has grown into Maryland's largest Federally Qualified Health Center system. Since taking over the operation of four East Baltimore clinics from the Baltimore City Health Department in 1984, BMS has expanded to thirteen health centers reaching the whole city and even Baltimore County, including eight school-based health centers that provide essential medical care to more than 1,000 children each year. When struggling communities have faced the loss of healthcare providers, BMS has stepped in, absorbing practices and patients from the Baltimore neighborhoods of Highlandtown and O'Donnell Heights. All told, BMS provides medical care to over 45,000 underserved patients each year.

I consider myself lucky to have worked with Jay for many years. He has had an enormous impact on the Baltimore region and he has changed the lives of countless families in the State of Maryland and beyond. His compassion and dedication to give back to his community and to bring medical care to those who could not otherwise receive it has been the driving force behind BMS' incredible success over the past three decades. His keen eye for innovation, whether in working with the Baltimore City Health Department to provide seniors with pharmacy services 20 years before Medicare Part D, or in building relationships and partnerships with local foundations and national groups to expand BMS' reach, has been an invaluable asset to the organization. Jay has been a true friend to the Baltimore community and to me; I thank him for all he has accomplished and congratulate him on his well-earned retirement.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISPANIC READING ROOM OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, October 12, 2014, marks the 75th anniversary of the Hispanic Reading Room of the Library of Congress which is located in the Jefferson Building. Since 1939, the Hispanic Division has been systematically acquiring books, journals, newspapers, photographs, prints, maps, posters, sound recordings, and other materials from and about the greater Hispanic world. Today with more than 13 million items, the Library of Congress possesses the most extensive collection in the world on the history and culture of Latin America, the Caribbean, Iberia, and U.S. Hispanics/Latinos.

Hispanic Division specialists assist scholars from all over the United States and indeed around the world with information about materials in all formats in the Library's collections. The reading room's website [www.http://loc.gov/rr/hispanic](http://www.loc.gov/rr/hispanic) which can be accessed in English, Spanish, and Portuguese, is an important resource for students as well the wider public for finding books, maps, images, audio-visual materials, music, and many other sources to learn about the history and culture of the greater Hispanic world. The website is visited more than 100,000 times per month.

The recently issued Hispanic American Members of Congress, 1922–2013, published by the Government Printing Office and available online, was compiled by the Office of the Historian of the Clerk of the House, with help from specialists in the Hispanic Division who provided expertise and access to the vast collections of the Library of Congress. The first and much smaller edition of this directory was prepared in the Hispanic Division in 1994 and published in 1995 by the GPO.

The Hispanic Division's major annual publication is the Handbook of Latin American Studies, an annotated bibliography providing an indispensable guide to publication about Latin America. Compiled and annotated in the Hispanic Division since 1939 and currently published by the University of Texas Press, the Handbook is a collaborative effort drawing on the knowledge and expertise of a network of contributing U.S.-based scholars who volunteer their efforts to the project. Available in print and searchable through an online database www.loc.gov/hlas the Handbook lists and describes the most important scholarly publications in the humanities and social sciences from and about Latin America and the Caribbean.

A unique resource in the Hispanic Division is the Archive of Hispanic Literature on Tape, begun in 1943, which holds audio recordings by more than 700 multi-lingual poets and prose writers from the U.S., Hispanic areas, and the Caribbean, including Haiti and Suriname. Richard Blanco, the poet who read at President Obama's second inauguration, recorded in 2013, and Octavio Paz is one of nine Nobel laureates in the archive.

Two years ago the Hispanic Division inaugurated a bilingual portal "Distant Neighbors: The United States and the Mexican Revolution, 1910–1917," which contains photographs, manuscripts, maps, and other rare

documents from the Library's collections chronicling this important period in the history of both countries. It is invaluable for students and researchers because it provides access to rare documents about the U.S.-Mexico border.

The Hispanic Reading Room is "... a home away from home for researchers from all over the world," according to Jaime Benitez, noted educator and Puerto Rican Commissioner during 1973–1977. With its arched ceilings, vivid murals by Brazilian artist Candido Portinari, and architecture reminiscent of renaissance Spain, the reading room provides an inspiring space for those seeking to research their ancestors, complete school assignments, or write books. With its vast Hispanic collections, the Library provides both exploratory materials for beginning students and rare published or other materials—maps, manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings—for advanced scholars. These materials allow those of us in the United States and in other parts of the world to better understand Hispanic heritage and history, and its lasting and ongoing influence within our country.

My husband, Latin American historian Dr. Thomas C. Wright, can personally attest to the incredible resources available through the Division to scholars and authors. We congratulate the Hispanic Division and its staff and celebrate the valuable work they have done over the past 75 years.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF JUDY BRADSHAW

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Des Moines Police Chief Judy Bradshaw, and to express my appreciation for her dedication and commitment to law enforcement.

Since beginning her storied career as a police cadet in 1980, Chief Bradshaw has been an integral part of the Des Moines Police Department for more than three decades. As the Des Moines Police Department's first female lieutenant, captain, major, and chief of police, Chief Bradshaw has continually broken new ground while both innovating and improving the department.

Throughout her career, Chief Bradshaw has worked and supervised in every area of the department while developing several programs and policies. Since assuming the role of Chief of Police in 2007, Chief Bradshaw has revitalized the community's relationship with the department and its officers. Two of her programs, the Community Ambassador Program and Mentoring Youth with Cops Program, incentivize productive relationships with at-risk youth and community leaders alike. Chief Bradshaw's tenure has shown that when the Des Moines community and its police work together, great things are possible.

Throughout her illustrious and lengthy career, Judy has never wavered in her commitment to justice and security. Chief Bradshaw is a testament to the high quality character instilled in Iowans, and the city of Des Moines owes her a great debt of gratitude for her service. While Judy's leadership will be sorely missed, she leaves behind a more secure

community that will continue to benefit from her service for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a great honor to represent the brave men and women that comprise the Des Moines Police Department in the United States Congress. I thank Judy for her wonderful work and I wish her the best as she begins a new chapter in her life.

REMEMBERING MAYOR JOHN FORD

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize and remember the life of former Hazleton Mayor John Ford, a well known member of the community. Mayor Ford passed away on Thursday, May 8, 2014 after a long and distinguished career of public and civil service.

Prior to serving as mayor of Hazleton, Mayor Ford was the founder and owner of John Ford Trucking and the Hazleton Standard Fuel Co., a small company that continues to service the Hazleton area to this day. Beyond his role as a small business owner, Mayor Ford was very active in the area. He was a member of the Hazleton Elks, West Hazleton Lions, and was on the board of numerous charitable organizations. Mayor Ford continued to serve on multiple committees at the local, state, and federal level after completing his term as mayor.

During his tenure as mayor from 1986–1987, Mayor Ford saw the city of Hazleton change from a commission form of mayor to a strong mayor form, finishing his last two years of government as a member of the city council from 1988–1989. He is remembered by all who knew him as a hard working and generous man committed to making Hazleton a better city.

My sincerest condolences go out to his wife Rose, who survives him, as well as his sisters Marie and Ida, brother Robert, and several nieces and nephews.

HONORING TYRONE HOSPITAL

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 60th Anniversary of Tyrone Hospital in Tyrone, Pennsylvania. It is a milestone in this outstanding facility's history of providing essential healthcare services to the residents of its community.

In the early 1900s, Harvey Gray, a prominent Tyrone businessman had a vision to build a hospital to care for the people of Tyrone and surrounding areas. Mr. Gray and his wife Adda ultimately donated \$150,000 after their deaths toward the establishment of Tyrone Hospital. The Tyrone Borough Water department provided the location, donating nearly 17 acres of wooded land west of the Laurel Ridge. The people of Tyrone realized the Gray's vision of a community hospital over a period of years. Numerous community resi-

dents, businesses, and social and civic organizations donated time and funds to support the construction of the hospital. A contribution was also made by Tyrone's famous son, Fred Waring who gave a concert in Tyrone to benefit Tyrone Hospital.

On September 20, 1954, Tyrone Hospital opened its doors and accepted its first patient. Over the years, the hospital has grown to bring personalized health care not only to the residents of northern Blair County but also to communities in neighboring counties. That growth has included state of the art medical equipment, an expanded range of services, and a diverse medical staff.

The hospital's 60th year has been marked by the recent introduction of its new name—Tyrone Regional Health Network—reflecting its developing system of new providers and services throughout Central Pennsylvania. The 60th year also coincided with the announcement of plans for a 38,000 square foot expansion that will provide a new hospital facility.

A lot has changed since Tyrone Hospital first opened its doors in 1954. However, its presence as a community hospital and its mission to provide needed healthcare services to local residents has remained the same.

I wish to thank Tyrone Hospital's dedicated staff, Board of Directors and CEO Stephen Gildea for their commitment to quality healthcare. I congratulate them and the people of Tyrone and surrounding communities on this important anniversary for their local hospital. I'm proud to have such a wonderful facility in the 9th District, and wish Tyrone Hospital continued success in the next sixty years and beyond.

STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 726, a resolution supporting the right of the people of Ukraine to freely determine their future, including their country's relationship with other nations and international organizations, without interference, intimidation, or coercion by other countries.

I thank my colleague from Pennsylvania, Congressman GERLACH, for introducing this bipartisan resolution and urge all Members to support it to show the solidarity of the people of the United States with the people of Ukraine.

The United States is strongly committed to the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

The United States strongly supports efforts to assist Ukraine to defend its territory against military aggression by the Russian Federation and by separatist and paramilitary forces.

The Russian Federation has undertaken a campaign of political, economic, and military aggression against Ukraine.

For example, Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, a civilian airliner, was destroyed by Russian-backed Ukrainian separatists using a Russian-made missile, taking the lives of all 298 innocent persons on board.